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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Matthias ERNST et al.**

Art Unit: **3621**

Application Number: **10/563,230**

Examiner: **Jacob C. Coppola**

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For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR TRANSMITTING DECRYPTION
CODES OF FREELY TRANSMITTED, ENCRYPTED PROGRAM
CONTENTS TO CLEARLY IDENTIFIABLE RECEIVERS**

Attorney Docket Number: **053512**

Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 22, 2008

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2008.

In the Office Action, restriction is required between Group I (claims 1-11), Group II, (claims 12-18) Group III, (claims 20-24) and Group II, (claims 25-35).

The restriction requirement is improper.

The present application is a national stage application and the unity of invention standard must be applied. However, the restriction requirement is not based on the unity of invention.

As agreed between Examiner Coppola and undersigned in the telephone interview of August 21, 2008, no provisional election is made here.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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